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| In re Application of:                         | ) |                             |
| Ryuji Fukuda et al.                           | ) |                             |
| U.S. Serial No.: 10/536,508                   | ) | Examiner: Jeffrey C. Mullis |
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| Title: THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER<br>COMPOSITION | ) | Confirmation No. 6481       |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: